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Fine saloon, in first class location, for sale for half its value.

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The finest line of towels and sheetings are now on exhibition at Messrs. S. Mayer & Son's store, on the corner of Commerce and Navarro streets, which are unequalled in price and quality. As a sample I may be safe to state that all linen towels are sold at \$1.25 per dozen. They can fit the householder with a bathroom with all requisites at such price as will give perfect satisfaction to the purchaser.

The Globe's Free Concerts.
The evening concert at the Globe saloon, 406 West Commerce street, are attracting attention. The performances embrace works from the first masters. Vocal music, wind playing, etc. Visitors to the city solicited to give the globe a call. Free refreshments, eatables and a fragrant smoke, with polite attendance always to be had.

2-14-4m W. D. WRIGHT, Proprietor

Hints on Dress.
The importance of well made dresses is admitted by all ladies, both for comfort and appearance. But when ready-made dresses for children, misses or ladies are required it is difficult to obtain them in such a style as will secure their approbation. Messrs. S. Mayer & Son have made this department a special study and have an elegant stock of child, miss' and ladies' dresses suitable for all occasions in all styles and all prices. Their toilet and dress accessories are much admired, and are unsurpassed.

Great Bargains in Houses and Lots.
Rock house and fine lot, with flower garden and grape arbor, near the city, for \$2,000.
Two houses on one lot on Avenue D, for \$1,800.
Nice cottage on San Pedro avenue, 6 rooms, \$3,000.
Rock house near Alamo street, \$1,200, \$1,000, \$2,200.
Two nice new houses near Sunset depot, \$1,500 and \$1,200.
Lots for sale in all parts of the city. W. E. HILTON, 208 West Houston Street.

Protect the Complexion.
Nothing is more necessary to a lady than a pure skin, and the only way to secure it is by the use of a protective cream. Messrs. S. Mayer & Son, of Commerce street, have a line of cosmetics that has just been opened, which are fresh and new and in styles to suit all classes. You can buy there a cheap, fancy paragon for 25 cents, and if you want a better article the price ranges upwards to \$2. A fine broad silk paragon is obtainable for \$4 and if an extra large sized will still paragon is required, you can get one for \$15. These articles cannot be duplicated at anything like the prices in the city.

Artistic Improvement.
Mr. C. H. Mueller has added two beautiful show windows to his store on Commerce street. In one is shown very fine water-color paintings. In the other a select stock of artists' materials, by a block of artists and painters' materials is complete, and embracing material for oil and water color painting, lead pencil drawing, crayon and pastel painting, porcelain and china decoration, chromo photography, wax flowers, decorative art, coach painting. Artists' fine brushes, mathematical instruments, and all water color paintings. Engravings and chromos surpasses anything yet seen in Texas. Students and lovers of art in its various types should see this elegant stock. He has the largest and best selected stock of picture frames and ornaments, all sizes, ever brought to San Antonio, which he rents at extremely low figures. He has the sole agency for the well known and most durable "Athenian" paints ready for use. The color and durability of these paints are admitted by those who are in authority in such matters to be the highest grade in the market. His stock of oils, paints and wall paper is complete and his supply of window glass of every size and description is very large. By calling at 205 Commerce street, the public can be pleased in any of the lines mentioned as well as in the low prices, which are a rule of the house.

HE IS MY SON.

That is what Mrs. Gardner told the Justice and Jury this morning.

The inquest upon the body of the man Ralph Gardner or George Henderson, was continued this morning when Mrs. Gardner, of New Braunfels, was called and declared that she had seen the body of deceased and identified it as that of her son Ralph Gardner, and that he was convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary, thus confirming the evidence of the man Martineau who caused the deceased to be arrested. The jury, by their verdict, declared that the deceased, Ralph Gardner, came to his death by a wound inflicted by the officer while resisting arrest, and justified the officer. A statement is made that Sheriff McGill refused to allow the dying deposition of Gardner to be taken. This is most emphatically denied by the Sheriff.

In justice to the police it should be said that although while the man was proceeding in Varma's shop Mr. Varma blew his pistol while long time before it was fired, the whistle was blown for the main part in the shop from which came it could only be indicated heard and the sound could not be located. Directly Mr. Varma came on the scene and shot and Detective Hughes and Officer Bishop immediately went to the scene of action. From the facts adduced at the inquest it appears that the man who shot Gardner, and that after his escape he assumed the name of George Henderson, by which name he was subsequently known by Charles Shelby and the other persons who employed him.

LOCAL PERSONALS.

Items Gleaned in the Hotel Corridors and from Various Other Sources.

Mr. John J. Peterson, of Goliad, is at the Central.

Mr. N. F. Beers, wife and servant, from Galveston, are at the Menger.

Colonel George Dalright, stockman, of Boerne, is at the Central.

Mr. C. O. Fisher, of Colorado City, is here buying horses. He is at the Central.

Mr. W. Y. Gilmore, of Hondo City, is here on private business. He is at the Central.

Mr. J. E. Wiseman, son of a prominent man in Lavaca, is staying at the Central.

Mr. Herman Froebel leaves for Austin today where he intends to reside.

Mr. H. A. Holland, the well known torch merchant, is confined to his room by sickness.

Mr. Andrew Shaw, Secretary of the British Association, has a severe attack of bilious fever.

Judge A. W. Hardon, of Indiana, is on a pleasure trip, and is sojourning at the Central.

Messrs. J. W. Ballard and Thomas Zornwalt, influential citizens of Hallettsville, are at the Central.

Mr. Neville-Bagot, a new-comer from Ireland, has purchased Charles Petrie's ranch, and is comfortably settled.

Mrs. John H. Shook, accompanied by her two children, Miss Eva and Master Philip, left today for Columbia, South Carolina.

Captain H. M. York, managing editor of the Democratic, and Colonel A. B. Cunningham, the hero of the Goliath-Cunningham quarrel, are visiting the city.

Mr. R. A. Knight, who visited San Antonio in connection with his desire to live here at that time, has returned and will locate here permanently. He is at present at the Central, and intends going into the stock business.

LIGHT SPARKS.

A child named Charles Paval, residing at No. 235 Valeria street, is reported missing.

The 25th anniversary of the German-English school is to be celebrated on Thursday.

The Turner Book and Stationery company will parade on Alamo plaza at 4:30 this afternoon.

Mr. Rudolph Froebel and Miss Virginia Zorn are to be married on Saturday. Judge Kocman will perform the ceremony.

Tickets are selling like hot cakes for the juvenile pinafon on the 4th and 9th of this month. Reserved seats at 50c and 75c.

They say Miss Jennie Bennett, daughter of Mr. Bennett, is grand in appearance in Professor Katzenbach's juvenile pinafon.

The cases of Blanche Dearwood and others, charged with keeping disorderly houses, will be heard in the District court to-morrow morning.

A report is current on the streets to-day that a recently imported reporter has skipped to avoid the consequences of illegal acts elsewhere.

The Street Commissioners' men will be paid this evening in the City Clerk's office for services rendered in April. The cart men will be paid on Saturday.

The types yesterday made the *Luzit* say that Alderman Schriener was absent from the City Council on Tuesday for the first time in 16 weeks. It should have been 16 years.

Civic Dignitaries Report.

The report of City Attorney S. G. Newton, for the month ending April 30, for taxes collected from delinquent tax payers, amounted to \$100.01.

The report of E. Opperman, Sanitary Officer, west side of the city, comprising Weeks No. 1 and 2, for the month of April, states that 75 privies had been cleaned and 30 yards made decent.

The report of B. Wilkins, Ditch Commissioner, west side, for the month of April, states that \$29.25 were paid in wages for work on the San Pedro creek and the upper Labor ditch.

The report of A. A. Muncey, Public Weigher, for the month of April, shows that he had weighed 540 loads, for which he received \$108.50.

The report of F. C. Hansen, City Collector, exhibits the following receipts: General fund, \$2,000.01; special fund, \$1,474.01; police fund, \$2,241.25; school fund, \$10,730.25; grand total, \$26,445.52.

The report of Louis Riebardt, Sanitary Inspector east side of the river, says that upwards of 100 persons received sanitary notices during the month of April, and that he has called special attention to the filthy state of the Valley ditch where it crosses Austin street.

LOW LIFE IN SAN ANTONIO.

A San Antonian Gives a Graphic Description of the Beggars' Nuisance.

The Fort Worth Gazette publishes the following description of the beggar life in San Antonio from the facile pen of their correspondent here, Mr. Charles Seabough:

"There is no city in the country like San Antonio in point of peculiarities. You will see things here that we may say, could not exist or come about elsewhere. We have more saloons than any other city in the State, and yet hardly ever see a drunken man. We have, apparently, little enterprise, yet grow faster and do more business than facilities enable us to properly handle. We are a community of decided liberals, and yet have the grandest churches and the finest choirs. We support a dozen beer gardens by a rushing Sunday patronage, and also throw more into the missionary contribution box than others do. We witness good results when the agency that brought them about seems never to have put in an appearance. Among the many peculiarities that bring our municipal individuality so prominently above the lake of despair is our 'beggars' day.' This is the seventh day of the week, and the mendicants, men and women, are Mexicans. They have heard of the fame of San Antonio—of the charity and benevolence that reside here—and have sought us to aid them in eking out that existence which consists in munching a dry crust, and wearing the cast-away garments of some one of the more blessed of God's creatures. Before we had railroads we had more beggars than we have now, and this is another strange thing in favor of our argument that there is no place like San Antonio. When we had no railroads, freighting between this city and points in Northern Mexico was done with prairie schooners, large Mexican wagons, with heavy wheels, broad tires, and drawn over the long and rough distances by from 12 to 25 small Mexican mules to each wagon. The teamsters were often induced through sympathy and appeals of friends, to pick up the beggars in small villages and towns and bring them on to San Antonio. Often the miserable creatures would be conveyed, maybe by authority of the Mayor of some distant point where the train would camp and feed the afflicted, helpless creature, and rather than leave him to die take him in charge. After this was done, the beggar must be brought on to San Antonio. Thus we received dozens of the paupers of Nuevo Leon, Coahuila, Chihuahua, and others of the Mexican States. It is customary in Mexico for beggars to make their professional tours on Saturday, and the Mexican people are noted for their non-progression—for adhering to the traditions of their fathers, just as the Democrats of to-day battle for the 'time-honored principles of Jefferson.' Yes, the Mexican beggar cast the gloom of their inward-looking faces on us every Saturday, taking the vilest mile that is placed within their hands with the same blessing and manifestation of thanks that they would receive a fortune. They are not only men, but women, dirty, unightly and disgusting. We have a local ordinance against begging, and a poor house for paupers, but begging is not abated, and it takes begging, generally, to secure a berth in our home for the poor.

WOMEN ON A RAMPAGE.

FORT WORTH, May 2.—A negro woman and a white woman engaged in a cutting match in Hell's Half-Acre to-day. The Caucasian whipped out the Ethiopian, inflicting serious wounds.

Cutting Rates Again.

ST. LOUIS, May 2.—Remots that Eastern freight rates continue to be cut by two or three roads here are still circulated, and shipments posted on 'change indicate pretty plainly that the reports are true.

Children Burned to Death.

MILWAUKEE, May 2.—A baby's harbor, Wisconsin, dispatch says: A fire this morning destroyed William Jackson's residence, and his daughters, Olive and Bertha, seven and 12 years of age, were burned to death while up-stairs, where the fire started.

Negroes Going to Kansas.

ST. LOUIS, May 2.—A party of 50 negro ex-slaves from Kentucky arrived here to-day and left on the Chicago and Alton for Kansas. They said they were the advance guard of many more who expect to settle near Topeka, and that emigration from Kentucky will be very heavy next fall.

One Crazy.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 2.—An Atchison, Kansas, special says: Clara J. Wilson, the young girl confined in jail for attempting to set fire to several buildings, is now a raving maniac, and as the Missouri authorities have not been heard from, she will soon be incarcerated in the Kansas insane asylum.

Indians on the Warpath.

ST. LOUIS, May 2.—Late advices from New Mexico say reports of Indians marauding are rife again. Muchacho, a negro renegade, Mesquero Apache, with about 20 of Victor's old band, attacked a pack train a day or two ago near the White Sands. Three companies of cavalry have started in pursuit. Another smaller band raided the rancho at Alamo Springs, and Colonel Forsythe has sent two companies of the Fourth cavalry after them.

Murderous Assault on a Lady.

BALTIMORE, May 2.—Monday night, about 10 o'clock, while Miss Anna Traversa was going from the house of her sister to her own home, three black devils, in a northwestern section of the city, she was assaulted by two

colored men, who felled her with a stone, and then cut her throat and robbed her of a few dollars. She was found early Tuesday in a vacant lot where she was assaulted and removed to her home. She is a daughter of the late W. K. Traversa, who several times represented Dorchester county in the General Assembly. She is not expected to survive her injuries.

Nashville Races.

NASHVILLE, May 2.—Second race, three-quarter mile heats—Defiance, Joe Shelby, Juliet, Greenwood, Egyptian and Doubtful started. Juliet got off first, and was not headed, winning the first heat. Time, 1:10.55. Greenwood won the second heat in 1:19.55 and also the third heat in 1:21.55.

Third race, mile and a quarter—Athlete, George, Hakes, Leonard and Major Hughes started. Hakes led for a mile, when Hughes came on and won by a length, Hakes, second, same distance in front of Athlete. Time, 2:15.

Fourth race, three quarters of a mile—Tallent, the favorite, got off first. Twilight, who started fourth, won by a length and a half in front of Rothschild, second, and George I., third. Seven started. Time, 1:19.55.

The Malfest.

GALVESTON, May 2.—The regatta this morning between the Galveston and the Protection rowing clubs attracted a large crowd to the wharves. The first was a four-oared barge race, followed by the six-oared barge race, both of which were won by the Galveston racing club after a spirited contest. No contestant appearing against John Crotty, of the Galveston club, in the single, he rowed over the course alone in order to lay claim to the prize. The prizes were offered by the Malfest management, and consists of three beautifully chased silver goblets, and these were this afternoon awarded to the winning crews on the Malfest grounds. The programme as set forth in the dispatch last night was rigidly followed, and wound up with a magnificent pyrotechnic display that surpassed all previous efforts upon the part of the Malfest management. Dancing and various other amusements were in progress at a late hour, and taken all in all, it was one of the most successful Malfest celebrations ever given in Galveston.

Labor Troubles.

ST. LOUIS, May 2.—The union stone cutters and plasterers went out on a strike to-day. They presented a demand on the bosses yesterday for an increase from \$3.50 to \$4 per day and the establishment of a uniform rate. Employers refused to accede, and this morning about 500 stone cutters and 600 plasterers quit work. Bricklayers will to-morrow demand an increase of half a dollar per day, which the bosses will not accede to, and they will probably strike. There are rumors of the usual spring strikes in the various trades.

ST. LOUIS, May 2.—The coal miners of Belleville (Illinois) district struck yesterday for higher wages. They claim that they have only been getting 75 to 2 cents per bushel for digging, and now demand 2 1/2 cents. Operators refuse to comply, but it is said that they will probably accede to the miners' demands. It is understood that similar action was taken in all the mining districts of the State. Diligent inquiry fails to reveal any movement among cigar makers here looking to a strike. A few manufacturers are paying slight advance, but the great bulk of men are working at the old scale.

PITTSBURGH, May 2.—Complete reports from the railroad coal district in which the strike was inaugurated yesterday, state that all the miners have joined the strike against a reduction, save those at W. P. Rand & Co's, and the Cherry Hill Coal company. A delegation of strikers, headed by martial bands, will surround these pits this afternoon and remain until the men at work join the strike. Operators are preparing to have the strikers kept off their property, but no violence is anticipated. There is no change in the status of the cigar makers' and plasterers' strike.

SHENANDOAH, Pa., May 2.—Work at the No. 4 colliery of the Lehigh Valley coal company stopped to-day by the strike of loaders. They have been loading 22 cars per day, but now refuse to load more than 15, hence the strike.

Kurt & Kuhn's.

Stein Sausage factory recommends itself to all epicureans who wish to test the correct, rotat, bologna and Vienna sausages. Hand cheese and blood pudding always on hand. Salesroom 419 Houston street, next door to Mavorick land office.

New Summer Garden.

Mr. William Ruppertsburg has opened a cozy little summer garden, corner of Garin and Brown streets, where you can spend a pleasant evening, and procure all the refreshments usually to be found at a hotel, beer on draught. An invitation to the public extended. 3-13m

Just the Thing for Summer.

Mr. Frank A. Seffel has just received a fine lot the Improved Tricolor Coal Oil Stove of all sizes, suitable for all purposes. They will boil, roast and heat anything without the assistance of a fire. Price from 75 cents. Call and see them at Seffel's store, Alamo street, opposite George Dullin's. 4-12-1m

A Proclamation.

To the people of San Antonio and Western Texas: Those of you who desire a first class picture of your self or any member of your family, or if you like to have pictures such as group portraits, ambrotypes or any other style of picture that you wish copied plain, copied and colored, you can have it done to your entire satisfaction at Kurt & Co's popular gallery, No. 5 Alamo street, northwest corner of Main place. 4-20-1m

COURTSHIP IN RUSSIA.

A Visitor Tells the Light Readers How the Russian Brides are Courted.

Mr. R. H. D. Leicester, M. A. Oxon, of the English Land Syndicate, is visiting the city. Mr. Leicester is a frequent contributor to the English press, and is a writer of considerable repute. He thus writes of his experiences of courtship and marriage in Russia:

Love is the same the world over, but "courtship" is managed very differently in different countries. Russian courtship, among the middle classes, is peculiar. The first Whit-Sunday after the young girl is acknowledged by her mother to be of marriageable years, she is taken to the Petersburg summer garden to join in a "bivald promenade." This consists of the daughters of the Russian tradesmen walking in procession, followed by their parents. Up and down they go, pretending to chat with each other, and to take no notice of the young men—the tradesmen's sons, dressed in their best clothes—who walk in another procession on the other side. However, every now and then some young fellow slips out of his proper rank and adds himself to the line of girls on the other side, speaking to one particularly. The parents of the girl join in the conversation in a few moments, and soon they leave the promenade and are joined by the parents of the young man. Generally the old folks have talked it well over before, but on this occasion every one pretends to be surprised. On the next day a female candidate calls on the girl's parents and requests her hand. This granted, all the relations on both sides meet and argue about the portion to be given with the girl. If this is not satisfactory, all is at an end; if it is what is expected, the betrothal takes place. The bride and bridegroom kneel down upon a great fur mat, and the bride takes a ring from her finger and gives it to the bridegroom, who returns the gift by another. The bride's mother, meanwhile, crumbles a piece of bread over her daughter's head, and her father folds the image of his daughter's patron saint over his future son-in-law's well-brushed looks. As they rise, bridesmaids sing a wedding song. The guests each bring forward a present of some sort. Wine is handed about, and some one says it is bitter, and needs sweetening. Upon this the bridegroom kisses the bride, the sweetness being supposed to be provided by this kiss—salutes the company, and takes his leave, on which the bridesmaids sing a song with a chorus something like this—

Farewell, happy bridegroom.
But return to be still more happy.

Courtship-time has now begun. Every evening the lover comes to his lady's home with a present, which is always something good to eat—generally cakes or sugar-plums. He makes love under rather awkward circumstances, for the bridesmaids sit about the betrothed pair in a circle, singing songs descriptive of their happiness. The last evening of the courtship is enlivened by the presentation of the gifts of the bridegroom, which must include brushes, combs, soap, and perfume. On receiving these, the bridesmaids instantly carry the bride away, and wash her, dress her hair, and perfume her pockets—her chief. Thus touched on, she returns to the company, and the bride's father gives his future son-in-law the marriage portion, which he takes home with him in a next bag. The next morning he returns for the lady herself. She receives him with her hair unbraided and flowing down her back. They are married by the ceremonies of the Greek church, and the old folks never go to the wedding dinner. Those eternal bridesmaids, whom they must hate by this time, are there, however, still on duty, and this evening closes by the bride kneeling down and kissing off her husband's boots, to prove her intention to be an obedient and submissive wife. Good-natured bridegrooms generally hide jewelry or money in their boots, which the bride may take possession of as balm for her pride. After the wedding-day the parents begin to give feasts, and keep it up a week, and it is not until this is over that the "young couple" see those blessed bridesmaids take their departure. They are then compelled to kiss them, thank them, and give them each a present.

Mr. Leicester evidently does not approve of the Russian style, inasmuch as he returns shortly to England to espouse his fiancée, Miss Fannie Simpson, of Liverpool.

A Silly Girl Saved by Booth.

Speaking of the persecution of actors reminds me of a very pretty story regarding Edwin Booth. It was while he was playing at the Winter Garden that a young miss in her teens fell desperately in love with him. She was the only daughter of wealthy parents, and night after night she would make some excuse to leave home and go to the theatre. She deluged Booth with love letters, and finally he wrote to her telling her to meet him at the stage door at the end of the performance on a certain night. She was there according to appointment. Booth handed her into his carriage and gave some whispered instructions to the driver. The horses were driven rapidly and in a few moments the young girl found herself in front of her own home. The carriage stopped and Booth assisted her to alight. Taking her arm in his he walked with her up the stoop and rang the bell. It was late, and the girl's father, who had become very anxious about her whereabouts, opened the door. When he saw her in the company of the actor he started back in astonishment. "Mr. —" said Booth very quietly, "I have brought your daughter home. She has been very foolish, but she has promised never to be so again, and I would advise you to take better care of her." With these words he turned a left. That young girl is a happy wife and mother now, but she never tires of telling the lesson she received from the great actor.